

I am the good Shepherd.
John 10:11

The Shepherd

I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP. John 10:7.

The good Shepherd giveth
his life for the sheep.
John 10:11

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BUILDING THE FUTURE CHURCH

DISTRICT CONVENTION — July 5-8, Saskatoon, Sask.

SUBJECT: HOME MISSIONS
THEME: "Building the Future Church Now"
TEXT: John 4: 34-35

THURSDAY, July 4, 10:00 a.m. — Opening Service
Sermon: — Pastor T. Nordmark
Preliminary Business and Reports
2:00 p.m. Business Session
4:30 p.m. Devotion — Pastor A. Tveit
7:30 p.m. I. "The Divine Commission — The Scriptural Basis
for Home Missions" — Pastor G. O. Evenson
"The Returned Serviceman and the Church"
— Chaplain H. A. Strand

FRIDAY, 9:00 a.m. Morning Devotion (Norwegian) — Pastor K. O. Kandal
9:30 a.m. Business Session (Elections)
2:00 p.m. II. "Building Today — A Sketch or review of the Home
Mission field in Canada, the Home Mission projects now
supported" — Pastor G. J. Ostrem
Business Session
4:30 p.m. Devotion — Pastor P. E. Nelson
7:30 p.m. III. "Building the Future Church Now"
a) In the rural field — Pastor J. B. Haave
b) In the urban field — Pastor J. R. Groettum
Business Session

SATURDAY, 9:00 a.m. Morning Devotion (Norwegian) — Pastor T. J. Langley
9:30 a.m. Business Session
2:00 p.m. IV. "A Permanent Parish Missionary Program and
Evangelism in the Congregation" — Pastor R. O. Olson
Business Session
4:30 p.m. Devotion — Pastor S. J. Rude
7:30 p.m. Women's Missionary Federation Program

SUNDAY, 9:00 a.m. Communion Service
Liturgist — Dr. O. K. Storaasli
Confessional Address — Dr. J. R. Lavik
11:00 a.m. Ordination Service
Liturgist — Dr. J. R. Lavik
Ordinator — Dr. J. A. Aasgaard
2:30 p.m. Closing Session of the Convention.



Dr. J. A. AASGAARD
President of N.L.C.A.



Dr. A. J. BERGSAKER
Secretary of N.L.C.A.



Dr. O. K. STORAASLI

Open Founts of Blessing

How many church members want to escape the unceasing cry of "Give! Give!" But is giving not the very condition of existence? The clouds give rain. What else are they for? The flowers give their scent. The cows give their milk and the bees honey. The sun gives light and heat as the very reason for its existence. And the Church has been purchased by Christ, and established in the world, for the purpose of giving — of sowing forth God's glory, and imparting to the dead world the blessings it has received. Who ceases to give ceases to live.

WELCOME TO SASKATOON

It is a distinct pleasure for Zion Lutheran Congregation to be the host congregation for the Canada District Convention and to welcome those who will come from our District as delegates and guests. We welcome everyone most cordially, and hope that your visit to Saskatoon will be a very pleasant one. We want to help make it pleasant in every way we can.

Through the dark clouds of many years of war, the beams of peace have come, and this convention will meet with a new vigor because of new blessings. Restrictions are still with us, but we hope that they will not hinder the hospitality shown to our convention guests this year.

This will be an important convention for the Canada District. We pray that God may work out His highest purposes for our beloved church, so that we shall be able to accomplish those things which He has given us to do. May God help us all to accept and use the opportunities which He gives us for the building of His Kingdom!

Pastor Olaf K. Storaasli.

Announcement

The Ordination Service Sunday Morning is to be broadcast over radio station CFQC, Saskatoon.

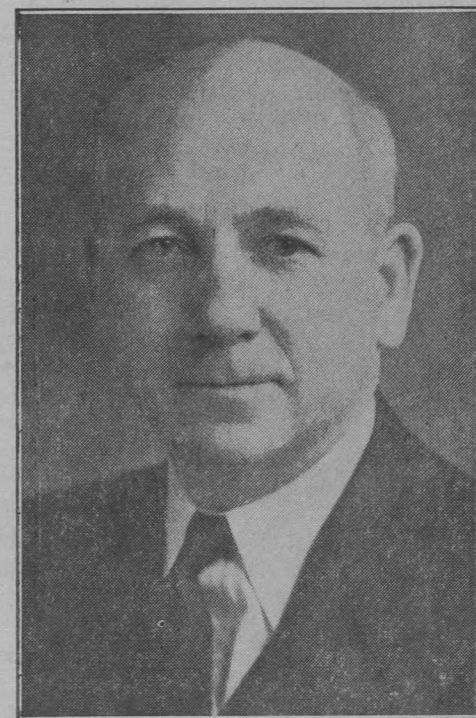
TOPICS OF INTEREST

This Good Land

Let us pause on this Dominion Day to think of this good land that God has given us. Think of its beautiful prairies and parklands, its rugged mountains, its rivers and lakes and forests and mines. Think of its healthful air, its fertile soil and its treasures untold. Think of its people, enriched with the background and culture of many lands. Think of its institutions of learning, pioneering the hinterlands of social and scientific research. Think of our freedom to live and work and to plan our own lives and to worship the God we love. Think of the blessings of Christianity in molding the thinking and customs that have become unwritten laws that undergird the written law and supports good order and decency among us.

Thank You, God, for the good soil, that gives us our cattle and sheep, our grains and our fruits; thank You, for salt water and fresh that gives us our fish and our gamebirds; thank You, for the metals and oils You have stored for our use in the depths of the earth. Thank You, for the knowledge with great possibilities of blessing. Thank You, God, for the men in our day and in ages past through whom You gave us and preserved to us our freedom and the temporal and spiritual benefits of the Gospel of Christ.

This good land God has given us! Our grateful duty to God and as loyal citizens is to keep it good, and to pass on to our children and generations unborn, the good land that God would give them through us. Selfish and careless exploitation of the good soil, the good forests, the good rivers and lakes and mines, the good intellects and brains, the good knowledge and learning can ruin this good land of ours in a few years. Taking selfish advantage of the blood-bought freedom and the confidence that it has taken generations to build, may make necessary a straight-jacket regimentation that will be passed on as a



Pastor K. BERGSAGEL
Acting Pres. of the Norwegian
Lutheran Church of Canada



Dr. J. R. LAVIK



Pastor P. DYBVIG

curse to our children. The best guarantee against greed and selfishness is not our laws, important and indispensable as they are, but the love and gratitude in our hearts that Christ alone can give. Ultimately, Christ in Canadian hearts will be the One Who must watch over the fertility of our soil, direct our knowledge into channels of blessing, and keep us free men, fit for freedom. Let Him do this.

Then shall we live long in this good land which the Lord our God giveth us.

—A. K. H.

The SHEPHERD — HYRDEN

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The 1945 Convention

Last time we met in convention the war was still raging in Europe. That phase of this awful war is over, thank God. May we in this convention this year of victory bow our hearts in humility before Him. Pray that God lead this convention to the glory of His Name.

We are happy to present to our readers this message from the President of our Seminary, Dr. Lavik. May the Lord of the Harvest call forth workers for the door of opportunity that is now open to our church.

Luther Theological Seminary, Saskatoon. Graduation Exercises, May 25, 1945

Commencement exercises were held jointly with the Lutheran College and Seminary, Friday evening, May 25th, at 8:00 p.m. The speaker of the evening was the Rev. V. J. Eylands, Vice-President of the Icelandic Synod.

Luther Theological Seminary graduated the following four candidates, whom the Home Mission Board has called to the fields indicated:

Harold Waldemar Melby, called to the Melville parish.

Henning Georg Olsen, called to the Bentley parish.

Osborne Harold Olsen, called to the Fort St. John parish.

Harold Charles Severtson, called to the Medecin Hat parish.

These were all graduated as Candidates in Theology. As Henning G. Olsen has completed the additional requirements for the Bachelor of Divinity degree, this degree was conferred upon him.

In connection with the graduation exercises Dr. J. R. Lavik, President of Luther Seminary, gave the following

REPORT

Luther Theological Seminary opened its sixth academic year on October 10, 1944. This was two weeks later than the date originally set for the opening. However, the two weeks were made up, partly by shortening the Christmas vacation, and partly by continuing a little longer in May, so that we are completing a full academic year of thirty-two weeks.

In view of wartime conditions we have had as many students in attendance as we could reasonably expect. The total enrollment was sixteen. Of these, eight were registered for full-time work in theology, six took two classes each at the University and the rest of their work at the Seminary, and two were special students who will not complete the Seminary course. Of the regular students, three are members of the Lutheran Free Church, who are attending our Seminary in accordance with an agreement entered into with the Home Mission Board of that Synod. All students have enjoyed good health, and have carried on their work with commendable industry and devotion.

The present prospects for new students next year are quite good. The applications of five young men, who at present are taking preparatory work elsewhere, have been approved by the Committee on Admission. It is expected that three of these will be ready to begin the study of theology in the

fall. There are several men in the armed forces, whose applications were previously approved, who may be released in time for them to begin at the opening of the next school year. So there apparently will be new students to take the place of the four who are being graduated this evening.

On behalf of Luther Seminary I wish to acknowledge with gratitude and appreciation the receipt of the following gifts during the year: \$1.00 in memory of Mrs. A. Lee, from Mr. and Mrs. P. Olsen, Edmonton; \$15.00 to the library from Girls' Mission Society, Esau Claire, Wisc.; \$5.00 in memory of Mandius Olson from Mrs. Ragna Knudson, Ryley, Alta.; \$15.00 to Student Aid Fund, Mrs. Allen W. Barber, Minneapolis, Minn.; \$25.00 to Student Aid Fund, Ladies Aid, First Luth. Church, Edmonton; \$30.00 to Student Aid Fund, Mr. and Mrs. E. Severson, Saskatoon; \$2. in memory of Mrs. H. Torkelson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hanson, Weldon; \$50.00 to Student Aid Fund, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Johnson, Los Angeles, Calif.; \$50.00 to the Library, and \$100.00 to the Student Aid Fund, by Mr. J. B. Hanson and family, in memory of D. L. Melby who died Sept. 29, 1941, and Palmer Melby who fell in action in France Sept. 11, 1944, respectively the father and the brother of Harold Melby, one of our present graduates.

Also this year our good friend Dr. Martin A. Nordgaard, East Orange, N. J. has sent us a check in the amount of \$200.00 for the purpose of providing a gift of fifty dollars' worth of theological books for each member of the graduating class, for which I know they are deeply grateful, and of which the Seminary acknowledges sincere appreciation.

Within the narrow sphere of our daily routine the academic year just closing has been relatively quiet and uneventful. We have, however, not been leading a cloistered existence, indifferent to what has been going on in the world at large. Quite to the contrary, we have been following with intense interest the tremendously significant events which have transpired. They have occupied a very large place in our thinking and in our prayers. Not only this year but from the beginning we have watched with anxious concern the ebb and flow of this tragic world war, the more significant phase of which has now been brought to a victorious close. We have observed with deep respect and admiration the rugged fortitude and endurance of the British people during these long and severely trying years. Those of us who are of Norse ancestry, and who have close relatives and friends in the Land of the Midnight Sun, have agonized with our people over there during these more than five years of sore affliction. We rejoice that they stood the test and in the face of overwhelming power bore strong, courageous, unflinching witness for truth and righteousness. We now rejoice with them in the release from bondage which victory has brought. The heroic spirit has manifested itself, however, in many lands during these years which have been burdened with so much unspeakable tragedy, and we are profoundly grateful to all who have contributed to the cause of freedom, justice and righteousness. But especially let us thank God for the dawn of returning peace, for when His judgments are accomplished "He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth." Ps. 46, 9. As peace returns may the peoples of the earth have grace to humble themselves before God and to walk in His light!

Members of the graduating class, since this is in a very special sense your day and your hour, I desire to direct a few words specifically to you before you receive your diplomas.

In comparison with the events of world-wide scope amidst which we have been living during the three years you have been at Luther Seminary, our everyday tasks may at times have seemed commonplace and insignificant. There has not been anything outwardly heroic about them. Yet we need not offer any apology for them, because they have been of basic importance. You have been preparing yourselves for that work which is most significant of all. Jesus gathered a few humble men around Him for a three-year course of preparation, and then sent them out into the world with the imperative: "Go ye and make disciples of all the nations." It is true now as it was then that nothing in this sin-burdened world is quite so important as that men be made the disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, for that is the way of the coming kingdom of God.

In seeking to prepare you for the gospel ministry it has been our purpose to place due emphasis upon sound scholarship. As specialists in your chosen field you need to possess thorough and comprehensive learning. Christian faith is not a mere emotional upsurge but is rather the entire personality laying hold upon and being conformed to the truth of God as revealed in Jesus Christ. The preacher of the Gospel must himself, both in principle and experientially, know that truth which makes men free, if he is to present it to others with persuasive power. Moreover, he needs to know something of those contradictory philosophies of life, and those perversions of true religion, which in the past have retarded the forward march of the kingdom of God among men, so that with necessary insight and wisdom he can meet similar trends of thought in the world of today and tomorrow. Various courses in the curriculum have been designed to meet these necessities.

However, we have been especially anxious that you should learn to know your Bible. We have of course sought to acquaint you with the more significant historical, textual and literary problems of the Bible as we have it today, and the results attained by sound scholarship, but not as the dominant phase of Bible study. We have wanted you to read it devotionally, and to study it in a personal way as that Word of God whereby He also today speaks to men of their deepest and most vital needs. We have wanted you to know the Bible as God's saving word to you personally, and as God's saving message of truth and grace to a world which is desperately in need of a spiritual revival. You have been called to go forth as witnesses for your Lord. In this service the really important question is not how much you know about His Word, but how much use you have for it in your own personal Christian life, and how effectively you can use it in winning souls for His kingdom.

As a final word to you before you leave the Seminary I would emphasize that the Church that has called you into the gospel ministry is looking for truly devout and consecrated pastors. Our congregations want men of sound and sufficient learning if they can get them. They like to have pastors of outstanding ability if such are available. But especially those among our church members who take their Christianity seriously are particularly concerned that the men sent out from the Seminary into the ministry of the Word be truly men of vital Christian faith, men of deep and strong convictions rooted in the Word, men whose hearts are gripped by a passion for souls, men who are imbued with genuine evangelical zeal for the building of the kingdom of God among men both at home and abroad, for the mission of the Church embraces the whole world.

The Church has been praying, and continues to pray, the Lord of the harvest to send forth such laborers into His harvest.

We trust that you are being thus sent forth by Him!

May He graciously bless each one of you and set you to be a blessing!

Location of Our Sunset Home

One of the most important matters to be discussed at our District meeting in Saskatoon this summer is the future location of our Old People's Home. The board for the Home has been studying this matter, but this is not for the Board, but for the District to decide. In order that a wise decision can be made the following are some of the points that should be considered.

First we may consider whether the Home should be located in one of our cities in Saskatchewan or Alberta rather than in a small town or village as a present. There are certain advantages which a city can offer. All the modern conveniences can most easily be provided in the cities; and on the whole the train connections may be better than in most of the smaller towns. But there are also distinct disadvantages in locating in a city. The grounds would be more costly to begin with, and would therefore likely be more crowded than in a smaller town, unless a place were secured on the outskirts of a city. If that were done there would likely be the disadvantage of the inmates being far from church. Of course, services are always provided at the Home for the inmates, but those who have health like to attend the services of the local congregation and mingle with the people there.

Otherwise a city may become a very lonely place for the old folks.

The relative advantages of having the Home located in Saskatchewan or Alberta must also be weighed. The building costs are generally lower in Alberta, and the same applies to the fuel costs. And since Alberta has had the Home for more than 20 years many people would be disappointed to see it moved. But any point in Alberta has the disadvantage of not being centrally located in the District. There is, however, one matter that will be of great influence in deciding the location, namely the question of tax exemption. A village, town, or city may be favorable towards granting tax exemption to such a home, but the power to grant such tax exemption would have to be provided by provincial act. This question is being investigated in both provinces so that the Board hopes to have definite information in regard to this by the time of the convention.

At one time it was decided that the Sunset Home should be located in Camrose; but since that time the Bible School has been built there, and with the College also there it is a question how advisable it would be to place a third institution in that town. Still Camrose can offer the advantages to be had in a city, and other advantages as well.

Before making a choice the present location should also be considered. It is unquestionably as cheap, or cheaper, to operate a Home there than it would be in any other centre. On the land owned by the Home cows are kept to supply the milk needed. The cost of installing all modern conveniences may be greater; but in spite of this the cost over a period of years may be no greater. A very fine advantage of the present location is that the Home is so near the Church that many of the inmates can attend services there as well as the services at the Home.

There may be difference of opinion as to what location should be chosen; but if we carefully and prayerfully consider all angles of this important matter it should be possible to decide this at our District meeting in an amicable manner.

Our Sunset Home has been of great blessing to our District these past years. May we pray that our Home may offer ablesed service to our aged in the future.

J. B. S.

The young People's Luther League of Moose Jaw Circuit will meet in convention west of Midale, either on the Ed. Martinson farm or on the new camp site, July 13-15, 1945.

Theme: "Christ is the Answer" Acts 4: 12. The guest speaker will be Rev. E. Gilbertson, Crosby. Pastor J. Groettum, S. Bue, and M. Steiestol and Luther League will develop the theme.

The L.D.R. of the circuit will have one session, so come one and all with a prayer upon your hearts.

Arnold Pederson, Pres.
Ada R. Nelson, Secretary.

How the Books Stand

First Quarter 1945

Income:

Subscriptions	\$253.00
Gifts	26.10
Extra Printing paid for	53.50
Cut of L. E. Haave ...	2.97
	335.57

Expenditures:

Printing	\$207.76
Cuts for pictures	17.39
Editor's expense for 1944	20.38
Stationery	18.90
Banking expense	1.59
Bus. Mgr's. expense ..	4.01
	270.03

Income exceeded expend. by \$65.54

Josef B. Haave, Bus. Mgr.

A special thanks to the following who have this quarter given gifts, some large, some small:

Annie Thompson, Rose Valley; Camrose L.D.R.; Canada District W.M.F.; Mrs. L. T. Tinhom, Vancouver; C. A. Magnuson, Camrose; Mrs. Martha Hagen, Tofield; Immanuel Ladies Aid, Parkside; A. Ed-wardson, White Rock; Clearwater Congregation; Edmonton Y.P.L.L.; Joseph Hagen, Hagen.



The Open Door



THE SIXTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF
The Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation of Canada District
Saturday, July 7th, 1945
Zion Lutheran Church, Saskatoon, Sask.

THEME: *THE OPEN DOOR*

TEXT: *"I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my Word, and hast not denied my name." —Rev. 3:8.*

SATURDAY FORENOON

9:00 a.m. Registration
9:15 a.m. Opening Hymn:
Sermon on Theme: "The Open Door" Rev. 3:8.
Rev. G. O. Evenson, Outlook, Sask.
Music:
10:00 a.m. Business Session
Music:
Panel: "Entering Open Doors"
(a) "Through Witnessing"—Mrs. Carl Johnson, Irma, Alta.
(b) "Through Prayer"—Miss Clarice Skaret, Armena, Alta.
(c) "Through Giving"—Miss Hanna Haugen, Spruce Home
(d) "Through Organized Missions"
Mrs. J. B. Haave, Rose Valley, Sask.
Music:
Address: "My Gifts Find Open Doors"
Miss Arna Njaa, Minneapolis, Minn.
Closing Prayer and Doxology.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:15 p.m. Registration
1:30 p.m. Bible Study: Rev. 3:7—13.
Dr. O. K. Storaasli, Saskatoon, Sask.
Music:
Missionary Address: Missionary G. Ostrem, South America.
Greetings: Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, National President of NLCA
Dr. A. J. Bergsaker, National Secretary of NLCA
Rev. K. Bergsagel, President of Can. Dist. NLCA
Mrs. Geo. Hendrickson, President of Can. Dist. WMF
Report: Credentials
Music:
Address: "The Open Doors of the World" I Cor. 16:9
Miss Myrtle Larson, Superior, Wisc.
Music:
Closing Business:
Worship Offering Meditation:
Miss Myrtle Englestad, Saskatoon, Sask.
* * *
Convention Offering:
Closing:

The Registration fee is fifty cents, and local L.D.R.'s are to pay this for their delegates. Each Society is entitled to two delegates.

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MOTIVATION FOR ATTENDANCE: The District L.D.R. is offering a set of five books to the local L.D.R. having the largest number in attendance travelling the greatest distance.

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The L.D.R. BOARD MEETING AND WORKERS' CONFERENCE will be held, Friday, July 6th, at 2:00 p.m. The place of meeting to be announced later.
The MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET will be held, Friday, July 6th, at 6:00 p.m. at the King George Hotel.

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Miss Myrtle Larson, National L.D.R. President, will be visiting the Edmonton, Camrose, and Calgary circuits in Alberta, and Miss Arna Njaa, National L.D.R. Secretary will be visiting the Yorkton, Moose Jaw, and Saskatoon circuits in Saskatchewan the week following the Convention.

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THE L.D.R. MOTTO: FORWARD WITH CHRIST

The Christ-centred purpose and missionary program of the Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation gives every young woman an outlet for a full and useful life. Every young woman needs this extra to make her fellowship in a congregation a rich one. The L.D.R. has much to give the business and professional women of the church through its program of study and missionary activity. It has much to give the younger girls and the children.

THE PURPOSES OF THE L.D.R. ARE:

1. To lead the young women to know Jesus Christ as their Savior.
2. To be a means through which their religious life may find expression.
3. To acquaint them with and train them for Christian service in the church.
4. To unite the societies of the younger women into cooperative efforts for work in the church.

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THERE IS A THREE-WAY EMPHASIS IN THE L.D.R.:

1. Toward the individual member — L.D.R. fellowship in all its phases is to deepen the Christian faith of its members and to give an outlet for Christian expression. Purposes, programs and activities are directed to this end.
2. Toward the congregation — the L.D.R. is a part of the congregation, cooperating with every endeavor of the congregation. The responsibility of every young woman toward her congregation is emphasized. The L.D.R. is to help the congregation make her life full.
3. Toward the world — the L.D.R. seeks to give its members a world vision of the world's need of Christ. Through a missionary program the L.D.R. directs its gifts to and prays for:

- 1) The general work of the church
- 2) Shismaref, Alaska
- 3) Jewish missions
- 4) Our schools on foreign fields
- 5) Lutheran Welfare.



IRENE RUDE
Canada District Pres. of L.D.R.

DIRECTING STEWARDSHIP THINKING

1. The WORSHIP OFFERING instead of dues or paying for lunch encourages giving with worship. It sets apart funds as sacred, and should encourage more and more direct giving.

2. The TREASURE CHEST is a reminder of the stewardship of life and is to receive our "overflow giving." Treasure Chest funds are not accredited to the budget but are given as an "overflow" gift to the budget. Student Service and the Book Mission are also supported from Treasure Chest funds.

3. FORGET-ME-NOTS are cards given to acknowledge gifts given to someone as an honor or a memorial gift. The idea is — give our gifts to the Kingdom as a Forget-me-not is \$2.00. All Forget-me-nots must be ordered through the L.D.R. office. Gifts may be given to the budget or any L.D.R. project.

4. We encourage making every gift with prayer. When a motion is made for the disbursing of funds, the president asks someone to pray for that particular gift and the mission to which it is to be sent.

The Christian Mother

She bears grief bravely, she who yields a son,
Her valor matching his, to Thor's grim sway.

She wears it as a shining symbol won
The earnest of a brighter, better day!
Her trustful heart is fixed on Him, who said,
"I am the Light, the Truth, the Way, the Door.

Blessed are they that mourn; be comforted."
Death has for her no terrors any more;
Her brave heart seeks no refuge in the past
Nor dwells upon the emptiness life brings.

She thinks of that sweet moment, when at last
Under the shadow of the sheltering wings
Expectantly she hopes to meet that youth
Who gave his life so valiantly for truth.

Florence Marshall Stelwagen.
—From *White Ribbon Tidings*.



Missionary GERHARD OSTREM



MYRTLE LARSON
International L.D.R. President.

The Gospel According to You

There's sweet old story translated for man,
But writ in the long, long ago—
The Gospel according to Mark, Luke, and John,
Of Christ and His mission below.

Men read and admire the Gospel of Christ,
With its love so unfailing and true.
But what do they say and what do they think,
Of the Gospel according to you?

'Tis a wonderful story, this Gospel of Love,
As it shines in the Christ-life Divine.
And, oh, that its truth might be told again
In the story of your life and mine.

Unselfishness mirrors in every scene,
Love blossoms on every sod.
And back from its vision the heart will tell
The wonderful goodness of God.

You are writing each day a letter to men;
Take care that the writing is true;
'Tis the only Gospel some men will read,
The Gospel according to you.

The Prayer of a Soldier's Child

By Alfred Grant Walton

A little lad knelt by his bed
In reverent prayer engrossed,
"Dear God, bless everyone," he said,
"But bless my daddy most!"

The special favor seemed quite right,
For what do children know
Of that impartial justice
Which heaven must bestow.

When one is seven, God is real
And faith in guileless art
And why should love not cherish most
Those nearest to the heart?

And deep within I feel that He
Who guards all souls with care,
Will work in some mysterious way
To grant that simple prayer.

"It is good for us to be mere" —Matt. 17:4.



ARNA NJAA
Executive Secretary of L.D.R.

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

THEME — STEWARDSHIP

Thirteenth Biennial Convention of

The Women's Missionary Federation July 5, 6, Saskatoon, Sask.

Motto — "We Give Thee But Thine Own".



Mrs. G. HENDRICKSON
President of the W.M.F. of Canada

Announcements

Songs for Massed Ladies Chorus
From Melius Christianson's Fifty-Famous Hymns
No. 33—Jesus Priceless Treasure
No. 23—Rock of Ages
No. 43—In Heavenly Love Abiding
Chorus practise at noon and after afternoon sessions. All W.M.F. and L.D.R. members urged to learn these beforehand. Please bring your book if you have one.

There will be a W.M.F. Board meeting on Saturday forenoon, beginning at nine o'clock. Place of meeting announced later. New executive, department secretaries, and circuit presidents requested to attend.

Are All The Children In?

Mrs. Olaf Larson

I think oft-times as the night draws nigh
Of an old house on the hill,
Of a yard all wide and blossom-starred
Where the children played at will.
And when the night at last came down,
Hushing the merry din,
Mother would look around and ask,
"Are all the children in?"

'Tis many and many a year since then,
And the old house on the hill
No longer echoes to childish feet,
And the yard is still, so still.
But I see it all, as the shadows creep,
And though many the years have been
Since then, I can hear mother ask,
"Are all the children in?"

I wonder if when the shadows fall
On the last short, earthly day,
When we say good-bye to the world outside,
Al tired with our childish play,
When we step out into the Other Land
Where mother so long has been,
Will we hear her ask, just as of old,
"Are all the children in?"

"Tell me thy company and I'll tell thee
what thou art." —Cervantes.



Rev. E. C. REINERTSON

THURSDAY, July 5

10:00 a.m. Joint Service with main convention.
11:00 a.m. Hymn — God's Word is our Great Heritage.
Devotion and prayer period.
Convention opening
Greetings 1. from L.D.R. — Arna Njaa
2. from Canada District — Rev. K. Bergsagel
President's reports
Preliminary business, 1. Election of committess
2. Minutes of Edmonton Conference.
Special Music
Hymn — We Give Thee But Thine Own.
Devotion and talk on Stewardship — Rev. G. Ostrem.
Special music
Illustrated Reports from each Circuit.
Radio — Mrs. S. D. Brun.
Forums for Circuit and Department discussions.

FRIDAY, July 6

9:00 a.m. Hymn — O Master Let Me Walk With Thee.
Devotion and prayer period.
Music.
Treasurer's Report.
Reports of Department Secretaries
"After the War" — Dr. J. A. Aasgaard.
Editor's Report — Discussion of W.M.F. page.
Recommendations.
2:00 p.m. Hymn — We Give Thee But Thine Own.
Devotion and talk on Stewardship — Rev. G. Ostrem.
Special music
Temperance
Report of Committees: 1. nominations; 2. credential
3. resolutions; 4 recommendations.
Election.

SATURDAY — MASS MEETING —

8:00 p.m. Massed Ladies Chorus.
Devotion — Irene Rude.
Speaker — Miss Myrtle Larson — L.D.R. General President.
Special music
Speaker — Rev. E. C. Reinertson.
W.M.F. Convention Offering.
Installation of Officers.
Doxology and Benediction.

We Give Thee But Thine Own

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be
All that we have is Thine alone
A trust, O Lord, from Thee

May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive,
And gladly, as Thou blessest us
To Thee our first-fruits give.

O hearts are bruised and dead,
And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled
Are straying from the fold.

And we believe Thy word,
Though dim our faith may be,
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

Concordia No. 404

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

O Master, let me walk with Thee,
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move,
By some clear, winning word of love,
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience! still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray,
Far down the future's broad'ning way,
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

Concordia No. 324

An Investment That Counts

All of us like to do some good in the world. We try to do the work that we feel is most important. We like to spend our money in a way that will count the most. Sometimes we have been wise in this distribution of our energy and means, and sometimes we have been foolish.

WISE

Have you ever stopped to consider the efforts of the Wisemen from the East? They were wealthy men, and their problem of spending their riches was as great as that of the poor or the average man, who has to figure out ways and means of making his time and earnings stretch. The Wisemen decided that the best investment they could make was to lay their treasures at the feet of Jesus. The events that happened later and the record that has come down through the ages certainly show that they did not make a mistake. It was their gift that made it possible for Joseph to take Mary and the Child into Egypt, and thus

the Gospel message was brought to that land. The account of the wisdom of their giving has been written in the Scriptures and is retold every year in every Christian Church.

SOUND

On every hand today we hear pleas for gifts and suggestions for investing and spending our earnings. But certainly, when we stop to think, we must realize that no investment for the Christian will ever pay greater dividends than that which he invests in Home and Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Charities and Pensions. When you help to send out the Gospel, you can be sure that you are doing something that will never die.

SYSTEMATIC

We are all human enough to need some agency to help us make this investment systematically; otherwise, we think about it and talk about it but never get anything done. The Lenten Self Denial Banks have



Rev. G. J. OSTREM

Anniversary Hymn, W.M.F.

(Tune: The Church's One Foundation)

Our thankful hearts sing praises 1½
Unto our Lord above,
Who in His boundless mercy
Bestows on us His love.
We thank Him for the blessings
In home and foreign land,
Our schools and institutions
Upheld by His strong hand.

With deep appreciation
We pause and pay today
A tribute to the leaders,
Who worked and paved the way.
For their strong faith and courage,
Their hope with vision bright,
Their love, so true and ardent,
For Christ, for Church, for right.

O Lord, may every member
Be filled with love to Thee
And Christ; our inspiration,
To serve humanity.
And when we come rejoicing
With sheaves that we have won,
Oh, may we share Thy glory
And hear Thee say, "Well done."

—Mrs. H. B. Kildahl.

proved to be one of the most helpful mediums for systematic investment in this greatest of all enterprises.

Place the bank on the center of the table and after each meal pass the bank around and let each person give an offering and say a special prayer for some phase of the work of Christ's Kingdom. Or maybe it will be a thankoffering for some special blessing received, as it was for the lady who had driven home from ladies' aid over a treacherous road when she was caught in a cloud burst. The next Sunday when she met the pastor she said, "It was only by the help of God that I got home safely; and, Pastor, my bank received an extra offering that night." Or perhaps it will be like that of the man who did not always feel like giving, but he knew that as a Christian it was his duty to do so, and he never failed.

May the Lenten Season help us to realize more than ever what God has done for us through Jesus Christ that our faith may be strengthened to meet every foe. May it also awaken us to the great privileges of His Kingdom as well as to the responsibilities that are ours to sacrifice and deny ourselves for the spreading of the Gospel.

Cumbered About Much Serving

"Martha was cumbered about much serving," Luke 10:40. Her fault was not that she served: the condition of a servant well becomes every Christian . . . Nor was it her fault that she had "much serving". We cannot do too much. . . Her fault was that she grew "cumbered with much serving". . . She allowed service to override communion . . . We ought to be Martha and Mary in one: we should do much service, and have much communion at the same time.
—C. H. Spurgeon.

Hyrden

JEG ER DØREN TIL FAARENE. Joh. 10:7.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Andet Nr. i Juni, 1945

4de Søndag efter Trefoldighet Lukas 6: 36-42

Kjere venner som leser dette: Naade være med eder og fred fra Gud vor Fader og den herre Jesus Kristus! Amen.

Naar vi minnes forrige søndags evangelium om Guds inderlige kjærlighet til forlorne sønner og døtre, og hvor kjærlig og barmhjertig han handler med dem naar de kommer og ber om tilgivelse, og vi tenker paa hvor vi er tilsinnes mot disse samme som han elsker saa innerlig, sa faar vi ta til hjerte Jesu ord i dagens evangelium:

“Vær barmhjertige som eders Fader er barmhjertig.” Det er saa let for os aa se andres feil og dømme ubarmhjertig. Det kunde ikke være saa vanskelig for os aa øve barmhjertighet naar vi betrakter Gud Faders barmhjertighet mot os. Saa meget vi har syndet mot Gud, saa har han altid elsket os med en fars kjærlighet og kommet os imøte med et barmhjertigt og forsonende sinnelag. Dette burde anspore os til aa vise barmhjertighet mot vore medmenne-sker. Det er det sinnelag Jesus venter aa finne hos os. Det samme sinnelag vere i eder som var i Kristus Jesus, sier apostelen. Det kristne sinnelag ska vise deri at vi ikke dømmmer eller fordømmmer vor neste. Vi har saa let for aa se andres feil og synd. Vi ska vokte os for aa dømme. Vel er det saa at ens feil og synd bærer vitnesbyrd mot den som begaar dem, og der blir Guds lov og ens egen samvittighet som dømmmer, ikke vi.

“Forlat saa skal eder forlates.” En kristen som har Jesu sindelag tilgir nesten hans feil og synd mot ham selv, naar den feilende angrer og ber om tilgivelse. Det ligger ikke for det naturlige sinn. Det uigjen-fødte menneske vil helst undskylde sig selv og laste andre. De ser andres feil og synd men ikke sine egne. De ser splinten i sin brors øie, men bjelken i sit eget øie blir han ikke var. Det ligger det naturlige menneske nær aa hevne sig istedenfor aa forlate. “Hevnen er søt”, og det kjenner vi stikke i os og, selv om vi har faat forlatelse hos Gud.

Den medfødte onde natur vil bruse op i os naar noen fornermer os og hevners tanker reiser sig i os. Men saa husker vi apostelens ord: “Hevner eder ikke i elskede, men gi vreden rum”. Da tysner hevns-tanken og tilgivelsens sinn faar raade. Saa gaar vi til Gud og ber, som Jesus har lært os, forlat os vor skyld som vi forlater vore skyldnere; for vi vet at er vi ikke villige til av hjertet aa tilgi dem som har syndet mot os, saa kan Gud heller ikke tilgi os. Her husker vi paa lignelsen om den ubarmhjertige medtjener. “Med det samme maal som I maaler med ska der maales igjen.” d.e. med det det samme maal av tilgivelse vi maaler ut til vore medmen-nesker vil Gud maale ut til os. Den barmhjertige ska faa barmhjertighet.

Er vi da vebnet med det samme sinn som Jesus, da er vi ogsaa ved Guds hjelp skikket til aa dra splinten ut av vor brors øie. d.e. minne vor feilende bror om hans synd og i kjærlig omsorg for ham, søke aa faa ham til aa angre sin synd og i ydmyghet bede Gud om tilgivelse. Det er vor Kristne plikt aa gjøre hvad vi kan for aa redde vor feilende bror.

I Esek. 3: 18-19 leser vi: Naar jeg sier til den ugudelige: “Du ska visselig dø, og du ikke advarer ham og ikke taler for aa advare den ugudelige for hans ugudelige vei for aa holde ham ilive, sa ska han, den ugudelige, dø for sin misgjernings skyld men hans blod vil jeg kræve av din haand.

Men naar du har advart den ugudelige, og han ikke vender om fra sin ugudelighet og fra sin ugudelige vei, da ska han dø for sin misgjernings skyld, men du har reddet sin sjel.”

Saa la os da venner som lydige barn, ikke skikke os lik med denne verden, men om-gaaes med frykt i vor utlendighets tid, huskende paa at vi er dyrkjøpte. La os avlegge al onskap og svik og hykleri og avind og al baktalelse, og hige som nyfødte barn efter den aandelige, uforfalskede melk

SEIER—FRED

Melodi: “Deilig er den”.

Norge er nu frit igjen
hvilken glede i hvert hjem!
Der kom sang og fryde dage
Som har aldrig seet sin mage
:: Tenk at fienden pakket sig! ::

Først kom “Tysken” som en bror
Snakket pent og var saa stor
Men han var en listig trave
Lovet godt og ingen fare
:: Dette var da bare tøv ::

Der i Norge var en mand
Saa paa fjeld og ud paa strand,
lo saa lidt og gave en tanke
Disse skal jeg ta og sanke,
:: Guld og magt i mengdevis ::

Skal vi give ham et ord,
Er det “Usign” dum og stor
Ti i landet kom der harme
Nød og felhed, dagens larme
:: Hodet blev han av enhver ::

Han saa hen til April ni
Så som saa: “Her skal jeg bli.”
herske som en veldig fyrste
Tale stort og meget bryste
:: Men det gik da ikke slig ::

Saa kom dag i Mai, stor!
Mange magter sa et ord
da stod han saa mørk i sinde
Det sa alle—and og kvinde
:: Ti han saa sin skam saa fæl ::

Nu i fengslet sidder han
Bruger tid og lidt forstand
Til at tenke paa sin brøde
Kanske glad han ikke døde
:: Under slig forrederi ::

Nu idag saa feirer vi
Har saa meget vi kan si;
Ønske Norge mange dage
Held og lykke—ingen klage!
:: Ti nu er hun atter fri ::

Takke vil vi Gud saa god
Som med landet trofast stod;
Ham vi give pris og ære
Vil med ham i lovsang være
:: For det under han har gjort ::

Norske folk paa denne dag
Glem nu ikke Herrens sag
Grip kun fatt med alle krefter
Bryd saa frem mot alt som hefter!
:: Stem da i halleluja!

— O Qualen, Mai 13, 1945.

Hvad kristendom ikke er

Av professor Martin Hegland

Kristendom er ikke identisk med medlemskap i en menighet. Et meneske kan være døpt og konfirmert allikevel ikke være en kristen. En kan være en flittig kirke-gjenger og endog gaa til alters uten aa være en kristen. Man kan lese sin bibel og holde bønn uten aa eie sann kristendom. Ja, en kan iakttatte all gudfryktighets øvelse uten aa frykte og elske Gud.

Høflighet har ofte vundet der hvor baade logik og argumenter slog feil.

Det er uhyre vanskelig at rette paa en misforstaaelse bare med at fremholde anklager og beskyldninger.

at vi kan vokse ved den.

“Man føler vel det onde sinn
men demper det og trenger inn
I Jesu søde kjærlighet,
saa synker hjertets taake ned
at mellom dem des mer og mer
I Gud en ny forening skjer.”

Ære vere Faderen og Sønnen og den Helligaand som var er og altid blir en sand treening Gud fra evighet og til evighet.

Amen.

—O J. M.

HYKLER

Av pastor B. E. Bergesen

“HYKLER!”

Hvor lett vi har for aa si det! Det faller likesome av sig selv. Some kommer med beskyldningen i bevisst ondskap. Andre gjør det av tankeløs sladderaktighet.

Men mange har aldri tenkt over hvad hykleri egentlig er. Ikke alt ukonsekvent mellom tro og liv er hykleri. “Hykler” — eller “løgner” — er kun den som er det bevisst.

Jesus har gitt oss tilkjenne at bare den syndefrie har rett til aa kaste sten. Det vilde bli mindre med stenkastning i vaar tale om vi betenkte det.

Hvor er det menneske som kan undgaa aa gjøre det som fiender og sladderhanker kan faa til er hykleri?

En stygg form for hykleri er aa gi inntrykk av aa være bedrøvet over noe som ikke smerter.

“Er det ikke sørgelig,” sier hyklerin, om noe som han i virkeligheten har en indre glede av aa kunne berette om til andre. Hyklerin taler til andre om synderen. En opriktig kristen taler til synderen selv, og tier til andre.

En av de frekkeste former for hykleri kommer til syne naar noen sier, “Jeg gaar ikke i kirke, for det er hyklere der!” Hyklerin maa ha en undskyldning for sin egen opførsel, og saa legger han skylden paa hykleri!

“Jeg vet iallfall om en hykler i menigheten,” sa en.

“Hvem er det da?” spurte jeg.

“S,” svarte han.

“Hvorfor kaller du ham en hykler?”

“Jo, han gaar i kirken paa søndag, og i drikkekneipen paa mandag.”

Jeg fortalte da at “S” nettop foregaende søndag blev igjen efter gudstjenesten for aa tale med mig, og at han ærlig bekjente sig selv for aa være en dranker, men at han kom i kirken for aa faa hjelp.

Jeg spurte om slikt var hykleri.

Nei, mannen maatte innrømme at det var det ikke.

Jeg sa da til ham — og det er det denne artikkel er skrevet for aa si til alle, mig selv med — at vi bør være varsomme med aa beskyldte noen for hykleri. Vi kjenner sjelden til alle enkelthetene.

En mann er ikke nødvendigvis en hykler fordi om vi tror aa finne uoverensstemmelse mellom hans kirkegang og hans daglige liv; men kun da naar en bevisst benytter sig av en hellighetsmaske for aa gi inntrykk av aa være noe en ikke engang prøver aa være.

Hvor ofte er det ikke blitt sagt, “Se paa den som gaar til alters der, du! For en hykler. Jeg vet hvad slags kar han er!”

Maaskje en som bryster sig av aa være ærligere fordi han ikke gaar til alters, er mere av en hykler enn den stakkaren som søker Guds naade i den hellige nadverd. Vi er saa skapte av Gud at vi ikke kan lese anders hjerter. Derfor har vi hverken rett eller plikt til aa dømme heller. Det er for en ærlig kristen, og især for en opriktig sjelesørger, til usigelig stor trøst. Dommen hører Gud til.

Guds ord har ikke lite aa si om det aa dømme andre. Les for eksempel følgende steder: Matt. 7, 1; Joh. 8, 15; Rom. 2, 1 og 16 samt 14, 4—10 og 13; 1 Kor. 4, 3 og 5; Jak. 4, 12. Fremfor alt glem ikke at “dommen skal være ubarmhjertig mot den som ikke har gjort barmhjertighet roser sig mot dommen.”

Endog Jesus, som nok engang skal føre alle til doms, unngikk mest mulig aa dømme mens han vandret blandt menneskene. Han saa da, “Jeg er ikke kommet for aa dømme verden, men for aa frelse verden” (Joh. 12, 47). Og Paulus formaner: “La dette sinn være i eder, som og var i Kristus Jesus.”

Aa dømme sig selv strengt og andre mildt, der er kristenkunst.

—Lutheraneren.

Naar folk finder ut, at en mand er særdeles vanskelig at omgaaes i sit hjem, saa hjelper det ikke stort, hvor høi en bekjendelse han fører i menigheten.

Vent Paa Svaret!

Følgende samtale utspant sig mellem en fredløs og hjelpeløs synder og en Herrens tjener.

Manden sier: “Jeg er slik en hjelpeløs synder. Det er intet haap for mig. Jeg har bedt og gjort løfter og forsetter indtil jeg er blit tret og kjed av alle mine fruktesløse anstrengelser.”

“Tror du at Kristus døde for dine synder og stod op igjen?” spurte Herrens tjener.

“Selvfølgelig gjør jeg det,” sa manden.

“Dersom han var her paa jorden i menneskelig skikkelse, hvad vilde du da gjøre?”

“Jeg vilde straks gaa til ham.”

“Og hvad vilde du si ham?”

“Jeg vilde si ham at jeg er en fortapt synder.”

“Hvad vilde du be ham om?”

“Jeg vilde be ham om at tilgi min synd og frelse mig.”

“Hvad vilde han saa svare dig?”

Manden stod taus.

“Hvad vilde han svare dig,” gjentok Herrens tjener.

Manden forblev fremdeles taus. Hvad vilde han svare? Til sist kom det liv i mandens øine og et smil la sig over hans leper idet han sa: “Han vilde svare: Jeg vil!”

“Mig skal ikke fattes”

Av Ingolf Marthinussen

Det er en solstraale av perlen i hyrdesalmen:

“Herren er min hyrde, mig skal intet fattes.”

Skal ikke fattes brød: “Jeg er livsens brød.”

Skal ikke fattes drikke: “Den som tørster komme til mig og drikke.”

Skal ikke fattes hvile: “Kom til mig alle I som stræver og har det tungt. Jeg vil gi eder hvile.”

Skal ikke fattes ledelse: “Jeg vil gi dig raad ved mit øie.”

Skal ikke fattes venskap: “I er mine venner.”

Skal ikke fattes glæde: “Dette har jeg talt til eder for at min glæde skal være i eder.”

Skal ikke fattes ære: “Om nogen er min tjener, ham skal Faderen ære.”

Skal ikke fattes trøst: “Trøst! Trøst mit folk, sier eders Gud.”

Skal ikke fattes liv: “Jeg er kommen for at I skal ha liv, og liv i overflod.”

Skal ikke fattes seier: “Vi skal mer end seire ved ham som har elsket os.”

Skal ikke fattes lys: “Herren er mit lys og min frelse.”

Skal ikke fattes omsorg: “Se til liljene paa ? ? ? ? ?

Biskop Ludwigs siste ønske

Lov mig dette, mine hjertenskjære, naar jeg dør engang i Herrens stund, la der jevnhet om min likferd være, søndagsstillhet om min siste blund.

I, kun I, skal avskjedsblomster legge paa mitt bryst og over kisten hen. Ingen fremmed blomst skal graven dekke, ingen palmegrener smykke den.

Gjem en fattig synder tyst og stille, uten prunk og flagg og folk i flokk; tilgi kjærlig hvad jeg handlet ille, syng mitt hjertes salme, det er nok.

Mig tilkommer ingen ros og ære, har I nogen takk, gi den til Gud. La der stillhet om min likferd være, naar mit legem legges med de kjære som gikk forut efter Herrens bud.

Det er aldri slik med loven at den er en forskrift som jeg gir en fremskutt plass i mitt sinn, den er snarere en liten svak stemme som jeg tror jeg kan slukke med fingrene. Men hvis jeg slukker den, faar jeg sot paa mig. Og for hver gang jeg slukker den blir sotflekken større.

4th Sunday after Trinity

FOR SELF-EXAMINATION

Epistle: Rom. 2: 17-29.

"For the name of God is blasphemed among the gentiles through you." V. 24.

Paul here speaks some piercing things to the Jews of his day but also to Christians of today. God demands an examination of heart. It is a fearful thing to deceive oneself concerning eternal truths. The Jews of Rome emphasized their superiority because of their possession of the law, and rested on the outward act of circumcision to create their own self-righteousness. A beam blinded their eyes.

Recently we have celebrated the first coming of God's Holy Spirit. This same Spirit desires to do something in your heart through this word today. He desires to convict of sin, in order that there may also be a cleansing from sin. Blasphemy against God is a serious thing. To cause God's name to be blasphemed among others is also a very serious thing, for it brings death, not only to one to one, but to many.

God's holy law is opposed to adultery in every form, both improper adult relationships before marriage, as well as unfaithfulness to a partner in marriage. Those who received this letter were guilty of this sin, yet they tried to teach others the law. This hypocrisy led the Gentiles to despise the God of the Jews who they supposed permitted such outrageous conduct. This sin against one's own body was apparent even to the conscience of the Gentile to be sin.

"Thou that preaches a man should not steal?" Stealing is not only the evil done by those apprehended in courts. It is often carried on in such a subtle way that to men it does not appear as stealing, but before the all-seeing eye of God it is plainly that. The law of love demands that the believer not only does not take by force, what he does not own, but neither is he to get it "by false wares or false dealing". Among the Jewish men of trade and industry Paul recognized some of this underhanded dealing that God was not pleased with. Instead of helping and befriending the neighbor, as required by the Seventh Commandment he was defrauding him in money transactions. The Holy Spirit today wants you to look at yourself in regard to this matter. Is there anything in your dealings with your fellow-men that is not truly honest? If you are trying to hide such conduct there are, nevertheless, those who are likely despising the name of God because you pretend piety. This is abominable in the sight of God!

Thirdly, Paul touches another tender spot. Though you hate idols, do you nevertheless commit idolatry in a subtle manner? In our land open idolatry is frowned upon, but what of the many even of those who profess the name of Christ, who secretly cling to money as their God. God desires it to be used for blessing. Do you hoard it and spend it on your own self only, instead of using it according to the law of love — love to God and to men? Can it be that there is someone who despises God because you, who profess His name at least outwardly, use this gift of God selfishly? How do you use the Sabbath? Is it God-pleasing? or are there those who ridicule God because children like you do not care to, or dare to, keep the Sabbath? What is your attitude when God's name is used in vain about you?

Let each one of us ask ourselves these questions and others, and uncover these awful sins against a loving God. One way lies open. Thank God there is one way. Humble yourself before God. Confess your cherished sins. Turn to Jesus, the Savior of sinners. Amen!

—E. H.

"The Moose Jaw Circuit Bible Camp will be held July 16th—22nd, west of Midale, either at Ed. Martinson Farm, or new site. Teachers this year will be Mrs. Alvida Salte, Rev. Groettum, and Rev. G. O. Evenson. Come prepared to stay through from beginning of Luther League Convention through to end of Camp. They run without a break. Campers must bring their own bedding, and tents if you have good ones, also Bibles or Testaments. Cost of Camp: \$2.50 per person, and where more than 2 from family, flat rate of \$5.00. For information, write Rev. Sigmund Bue, Macoun."

Respectfully,
Sigmund Bue.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE

G. Loken, Editor, Outlook, Sask.

President's Column

V—E day is now a part of history. For its coming we had prayed. For its coming we gave thanks, and rightly so, for a state of war is a tragedy to any nation involved.

But V—E day has not automatically settled the problems of the world. In fact, the events since then have made us aware that the problems of the world are overwhelming. Humanly speaking these problems are beyond solution. The voice of history declares that human solutions will fail. There will be no peace unless the people of the earth see the divine remedy stated in the Gospel.

Therefore there is a tremendous challenge to the young people of today. Pastor Oscar C. Hanson wrote recently: "If our beloved nation of tomorrow is to be a Christian nation, we must win American youth for Christ today. More than ever this coming year we must inspire Christian Luther Leaguers in every congregation to join in a wellplanned systematic campaign to win unchurched, unsaved youth for Christ and His church. E. Stanley Jones said to a group of pastors in Minneapolis last spring, 'If you want to convert America, you must convert the American High School.' He is right. This can be done only if Christian young people become soul winners."

What Pastor Hanson wrote applies with equal force to us in Canada. Every Leaguer should be on fire for the Lord as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Certainly the devil will do his best to convince every young person that to live wholeheartedly for Christ is too difficult. But it is forever true that we can do all things through Christ. Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The temptation will come to ease up on Luther League work during the summer season — the "vacation" season. Let us remember that the devil takes no vacation. Just when it may appear that he is sleeping he is the most dangerous.

One of the fine ways to receive further strength for the warfare against evil is through attendance at one of our Lutheran Bible Camps this summer. Attend one if you can possibly do so. The Lord will be there too. He always tries to be present when the Word of God is being sown. Hence be earnest in prayer while at camp. Be concerned about your example, lest through your carelessness harm is brought to some one else. You are your brother's keeper. If you love the Lord, you will not willingly through carelessness cause someone to stumble for whom Christ died.

—G. O. E.

What Being a Pocket Testament League Member Has Meant To Me

Being a Pocket Testament League member does bring great blessings! To point this out more emphatically, I will let a few of the members speak for themselves.

'It is with great joy and thankfulness that I look back to the day when I signed the pledge which reads thus: 'I hereby accept membership in the Pocket Testament League by making it the habit of my life to read a portion of the Bible each day and to carry a Bible or Testament with me.' I am happy to be a member of this Bible reading family consisting of over 8,000,000 people throughout the world. It is as we look into the word, study and meditate upon it and claim its promises that we can join with the poet in saying:

No book is like the Bible,
For childhood, youth and age,
Our duty plain and simple
We find on every page.
It came by inspiration,
A light to guide our way;
A voice from Him who gave it,
Reproving when we stray.

—Astrid Hauberg.

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"In Ps. 119:18 we read, 'Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.' A deep, zealous, alert spiritual life is desirable in order to serve God; That we may do so aright, we should seek to have our eyes opened to be-

hold His truth, and earnestly desire fully to understand it. The Pocket Testament League in its aim to encourage Bible reading, has meant a great deal to me. Many are the times I have been able to make profitable use of a few spare moments because the pledge I made had reminded me to take my Testament with me. There is no better way to receive a deeper insight into God's word than to contemplate upon it. Carry it with you, read it, give it!

—Leonard Soggie.

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"Being a Pocket Testament member has helped me in the study of God's word and has shown me how Jesus came down to earth to save us poor sinners from our sins. I am not yet a year old in my Christian life, and the daily feeding on God's word has helped to strengthen my faith in Him."

—Frances Nybo.

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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path' Ps. 119:105. Through reading my Bible I see my sins more clearly, but God does not leave me in that wretchedness. He gives a remedy for this sin in His salvation so full and so free. I have found that God's word is truly a guide for each step of the way. Therefore, we must search our Bible for daily directions from the Heavenly Father. Members of the Pocket Testament League make it a habit to seek this daily guidance. Through this daily reading of my Bible I have been drawn closer to Christ, and it is now my prayer that my cup of blessing may overflow to others."

—Ruth Haugen.

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"The word of God is a light which guides us on the spiritual road. If we do not have this light it is impossible to follow Christ in the paths of righteousness. The Pocket Testament League encourages Bible reading and has made me more regular in the reading of this precious Book, which offers dynamic Christian power."

—Alfred Tysseland.

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"Joy and thankfulness fills my heart when I look back to the day when I signed the Pocket Testament League pledge. Many glorious promises and truths have been revealed to me from the Word of God through being a Pocket Testament League member. It is a bond that holds us to our daily devotions when we are tempted to let them slide, as well as a method that makes it possible for us to fulfill the command in 2 Tim. 2:15 'Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.'"

—Myrtle Ulven.

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"Being a Pocket Testament member has been of great help to me because by reading a portion of God's word daily I have been richly blessed and drawn closer to my Savior. It has also encouraged me to carry my Testament with me and by so doing I have found use for it in helping others. How we need always to make God's word our daily companion and guide."

—Helen Hagen.

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"The Pocket Testament League has been of great help to me in establishing the habit of daily Bible reading. Though in despair many times, I was prompted to read the Bible by the pledge I made. Since Bible reading is a good habit it should be formed in youth so we will remember God's word all through our lives and daily feed upon it. Either this Book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this Book."

—Arthur Olson.

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"First I became a child of God and His word became very precious to me. Then I became a Pocket Testament League member which I never have, and never will regret, as the daily reading of His word has brought me and held me close to Him. The reading of the word when I was sad and lonely has oft times brought comfort and rest. And the carrying of the Word with me is a strength and shield along the way. God has bountifully blessed me through being a Pocket Testament League member."

—Ila Erlandsen.

"It is now about a year and a half since I became a Pocket Testament League member. I can truthfully say that it has been a blessing to me. There is a great comfort in knowing of the millions of members all united with me in reading His word, and in prayer for one another. This membership has been a constant reminder to me to meditate upon God's word and thereby have come into closer fellowship with my Savior."

—Edward Rostad.

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"God's word has become a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Before I became a Pocket Testament League member I must confess that my Bible reading was becoming slipshod and thus I did not get much enjoyment from it. Now I make use of spare moments to read my Testament and as a result I feel much nearer to God. I have found new opportunities of witnessing for Christ through it."

—Bernice Berg.

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These are only a few out of the millions who would testify of the great blessings received through being a member of our great "Bible Reading Family". Let us each one be diligent in prayer that each one of the members may be drawn ever closer to God, and that they may consecrate their lives wholly in the service of going out and bringing in the lost sheep.

—C. H.

News regarding our Southern Alberta Spring Convention.

"The Southern Alberta Circuit met for its Spring Circuit Convention at Trinity, Lutheran Church Calgary, pastor G. Morstad's charge, May 25—27. The theme for the convention: "Christ Our Life" based on Rom. 8:1 fg. was very well presented by our guest speaker, Rev. Milton Johnson of Edmonton. Mrs. George Henrickson of Tofield, Alta., Pres. of the W.M.F. for Canada District, brought out some very interesting facts regarding the W.M.F. work at their business session in the afternoon (at which time various topics were also given), and also brought a very inspiring message at the W.M.F. program in the evening. Newly elected officers are: Rev. R. Olson, Claresholm, president; Rev. G. Morstad, Calgary, vice-president; Anker Berg, Claresholm, Secretary; Odin Berg, Claresholm, Treasurer; and a Stewardship Committee of four, Artun Fjorboten of Granum; Nakor Hanson of Ibbestad; Ole Thompson of Claresholm, and Mr. Hoiness of Calgary.

—R. O.

Feed My Lambs

How thankful we Luther Leaguers should be for our church which constantly emphasizes the command of the Savior "Feed my Lambs." Superior Sunday School and Parochial School materials and faithful teachers have contributed much to the stability of Luther League work in Bible-centred emphasis. No one should underestimate the value of two years of thorough confirmation instruction in the Word of God. So many lambs have come into a conscious faith during these critical adolescent years. There are always results when God's Word is sown, one way or the other. As our Bible Camp continues to come of age, we will come to appreciate ever more what a splendid opportunity we have here to feed the lambs.

Why should people go lost in the Lutheran church? May all the sheep show more concern for the lambs so that when they are young they may be trained to go in the right way — Jesus a personal Savior unto young and old.

—G. L.

"Wisdom shall be the stability of the times."—Isa. 36:6.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."—Ps. 119:105.

"When you sleep in your cloak, there's no lodging to pay."—Whyte, Melville.